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2. (amended) The stabilized gonadotropin composition [containing lyophilisate] of claim 1, further comprising a non-reducing sugar, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three to fifty times [that] by weight of the dicarboxylic acid salt [stabilizer].

3. (amended) The stabilized gonadotropin [containing lyophilisate] composition of claim 1, further comprising a non-ionic surfactant.

4. (amended) The [stable lyophilisate] composition of claim 3, wherein said gonadotropin is selected from the group consisting of luteinizing hormone, human chorionic gonadotropin, follicle stimulating hormone, or mixtures thereof.

5. (amended) The [stable gonadotropin containing lyophilisate] composition of claim 4, wherein said dicarboxylic acid salt [stabilizer] is a salt of citric, tartaric, or aspartic acid.

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[7]6. (amended) The [stable gonadotropin containing lyophilisate of claim 6] composition of claim 2, wherein the non-reducing sugar is present in an amount of about three times [that] by weight of the dicarboxylic acid salt stabilizer.

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[8]7. (amended) The [stable gonadotropin containing lyophilisate of claim 7] composition of claim 6, [further] comprising [a second] two types of gonadotropin [capable of stabilization] both of which are stabilized by said dicarboxylic acid salt stabilizer.

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[9]8. (amended) A stabilized lyophilized gonadotropin [containing lyophilisate] composition comprising:
one part by weight of a gonadotropin; and
200 to 10,000 parts by weight of a dicarboxylic acid salt [stabilizer associated with said gonadotropin].